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Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

327 fires have been reported this year for a total of 186,101.1 acres. There were 21 new fires reported yesterday, 2 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 10 in the Tanana Zone, 1 in the Mat Su Area, 8 in the Fairbanks Area.

- There are 52 active fires in the state; 1 in the Galena Zone, 16 in the Tanana Zone, 10 in the Upper Yukon Zone 11 in the Fairbanks Area, 2 in the Delta Area, 5 in the Tok Area, 1 on the Kenai Peninsula, and 6 in the Mat-Su Area. All are being monitored closely. 213 fires have been human caused and 114 have been lightning caused, 16 of which have been declared Wildland Fire Use fires.

Caribou Hills Fire

505 personnel remain on site today in the Kenai Peninsula. The crews are working on mopping up inside the perimeter of the fire. The fire behavior still remains with torching and short runs on islands inside the fireline. Oilwell road remains closed today from 7 AM to 7 PM. Some residents have been staying at their homes during fire operations. An excavator began rehabilitation of interior dozer lines. The IHC crew and one Type 2 crew were demobed today.

Su River

The smoldering hot spots that were located by the infra red camera were worked and suppressed. Four crews were demobed today and spike camps continue to be dismantled. Control was declared today and the work will be mainly continuing to grid and trail additional hot spots within the fire perimeter of the fire located near the Mat-Su Area.

Datkokan Lake

A load of smokejumpers was deployed to the fire reported by the Fairbanks Flying Service. The fire was reported at 10-15 acres and was burning in black spruce and was 100% active in the Upper Yukon Zone. The fire is located

Tramway

Two smokejumpers were committed to the lightning caused fire in the Tanana Zone. It is west of the Elliot Highway in the Tanana Valley State Forest. It was reported as “running hot” in white spruce and mixed hardwoods. The AFS jumpship later reported the fire to be creeping and smoldering and room for growth.

Tractor Trail

Eight jumpers were deployed to the fire located on the Tanana Zone fire in the Livengood Area. The fire was reported as smoldering in black spruce. Jumpers received para-cargo to assist with fire fighting efforts. Personnel reported they were making good progress with the fire laying low, but with potential to get active. Pump operations in place, but will require significant mop up.

Other Information

Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in effect. Fire air operations personnel ask that pilots please respect TFRs and avoid airspace over wildland fires, even if a TFR is not in place, because of safety concerns. For specific information, visit: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>

- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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